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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant to the DCI

SUBJECT : Comments on Material - August F. Michelson

1. The various diagrams submitted by Mr. Michelson reflect a good sound knowledge of physics in general. However, it does appear that in a few particular aspects of physics his suggestions indicate attempted treatment of problems somewhat beyond his competence. In general, most of these suggestions seem sound and are undoubtedly valid applications of physical principles. It is possible that his activities perhaps have been stimulated by already published lists of "Most Needed Inventions."

2. While it is considered possible that most of these ideas and suggestions will work, it is somewhat more difficult to anticipate practical application of the ideas since the engineering would probably be more difficult for these ideas than that employed in other devices to accomplish the same end. They are then, in effect, proposed modifications and adaptations of already established principles.

3. It is suggested that these sketches could quite appropriately be forwarded to the Defense Department were some of them may conceivably be adapted to problems where current devices may not be entirely satisfactory. Some of the adaptations included here may be useful. This then is not the work of a crackpot but suggestions of different ways to do things which are already possible through other more familiar methods.

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Director of Research & Development
Office of the Secretary of Defense
Department of Defense

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ATTN: Assistant to the Director

Forwarded as a matter of primary
interest.

For your information, I am enclosing
a copy of the letter that we sent to
Mr. Nicholson.

[Redacted]
Assistant to the Director

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Mr. August F. Michelson /

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Dear Mr. Michelson:

On behalf of Mr. Dulles, I should like to thank you for your letter of 2 October and the enclosed material.

Since the matter primarily concerns the Department of Defense, I have taken the liberty of forwarding your letter and the enclosures to that Department. However, we appreciate your taking the time to write to us.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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Assistant to the Director

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